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## **DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR MASTERY-BASED EDUCATION SYSTEM SUMMER COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Idaho State Department of Education is moving forward in establishing a Mastery-Based Education Committee to follow the direction of H0110. The Mastery-Based Education Committee will be analyzing the possibility of changing to a content mastery system, rather than seat time requirements. Based on H0110 which passed this legislative session, the Idaho State Department of Education will perform the following activities:

1. Conduct a statewide awareness campaign to promote understanding and interest,
2. Establish a committee of educators to identify roadblocks and possible solutions, and
3. Facilitate the development of an incubator program with an initial cohort of local education agency participants.

Superintendent Sherri Ybarra, department staff, as well as Idaho teachers and administrators will facilitate the Master-Based Education Committee through the upcoming summer months. "This is a step forward in focusing on student learning and mastery," Superintendent Ybarra said. "This is taking a prudent, ground-up approach in assessing the possibility of a mastery-based system in Idaho. The bottom line is we want to do what is best for kids; if the committee's results show that this change would be best for kids, then let's keep moving down that path to an Idaho solution."

The department will be seeking committee involvement from teachers, principals and superintendents throughout the state. If you would like to be involved in the Mastery-Based Committee, please contact Michelle Clement-Taylor at (208) 332-6963 or by email at [mtaylor@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:mtaylor@sde.idaho.gov). The deadline for requests to participate on the committee is June 5, 2015.

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